**Year 7 Camp Wainui**



**28 March – 1 April 2011**

**Information for Parents**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Camp is fast approaching, so here is the relevant information you will require to ensure your child is prepared for our visit to Wainui. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

**Camp Focus and Intentions**

* *To develop leadership skills*
* *To build an understanding of self and others*
* *To provide an outdoor experience that links with the curriculum area of Science, Health & P.E and Social Sciences.*
* *To provide practical examples of learning in the outdoors.*

The focus for the Year 7 camp is Leadership and Challenge. Year 7 is a time when we need to build leadership skills within the school in preparation for Year 8. Senior students play a pivotal role around the school. The younger students look to them as role models and often need their support. The challenge aspect of the camp allows the children to understand themselves further, pushes them out of their comfort zones and to enables them to reflect on how they handle different situations.

We are looking at 4 Leadership focus questions:

* What is a leader?
* What skills and qualities does a leader need to have?
* What makes an effective leader?
* What are the downsides to leadership?

**Times**

We will be leaving school at 9:30am on Monday March 28th and will return to school around 2.45pm on Friday April 1st. You may collect your child as soon as we have returned and unpacked.

**Transport & Parent Helpers**

We will be driving to Wainui in 8 cars (2 Teachers and 6 Parents).

The parent helpers for the camp are: Euan Dickie, Colin Ballantyne, Catherine Burt, Jos Moore-Challis, Nicola Willet and Jase Trevarton.

**Programme & Costs**

This year, the cost of food and accommodation for six parent helpers will be subsidised by the children.

***The costs for each child to go on camp are subject to conformation from Wainui and are an estimate only:***

Accommodation: $93

Food: $74

Activities: $83

**Estimated Total: $250**

This needs to be paid before the beginning of camp unless prior arrangements have been made at the office. Please bring to the school office in a sealed, clearly-labelled envelope. If you wish to pay on your school account, please contact the office directly. Actual costs will be available shortly

**Day Visits**

Parents are more than welcome to come over for the day. Please check the timetable in your child’s camp book closer to camp to check where we will be. If you want to join us in the day’s activities then it is best to arrive before 9:30am. You will need to ***pay on the day*** if you wish to come on the Canterbury Cat ($22.50).

**Contact Numbers**

YMCA Wainui

Camp Office: 03-304 8460 (office hours only)

Camp manager: 03-304 7790 (outside office hours)

Mike Molloy: 027 357 8428

Anna McClarron: 021 0244 7439

Messages can also be passed on through Sue Beattie at school who will try and contact us.

Cell phone coverage at Wainui is limited with Vodafone coverage virtually non-existent at the campsite itself.

**Gear**

A gear list is attached; all children will have their own copy in their camp books also. Please ensure children have all the gear on the list and it is clearly named. If there are any problems with gear, children can inform their teacher and we can seek an alternative.

**Medication**

Please find attached medical information sheet. Please ensure any medication is named with the dosage and the times to be taken and give to me on the morning of departure. If circumstances change (e.g. your child requires a course of antibiotics), please ask for and complete a new medical form.

This needs to be returned to school by Friday so we can finalise the menu.

Kind regards,

Mike Molloy and Anna McClarron